

September 4, 1973

Honorable William E. Colby, Director  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Colby:

May I thank you for the privilege of visiting certain [redacted] This is an opportunity afforded to few Congressional staff members. The experience of meeting with your personnel in the field has given me a better appreciation of operations and problems encountered and will enable me to perform my staff duties with greater circumspection.

[redacted] relationship with the Committee on Appropriations and his performance of liaison activities deserve the highest merit. I can now personally attest that he is also an excellent traveling companion.

The personnel with whom we visited in each locale received us cordially, looked after our personal needs with dispatch and were ever willing to brief us in such detail as we desired and to answer any questions with candor. Each individual displayed a high degree of professional aptitude and personal integrity. I was particularly impressed with the sense of organizational pride and job satisfaction which was evidenced by all the people I met.

This date should bring you a feeling of pride in achievement as you formally accept the responsibilities of your new position, particularly since it results from many years of invaluable service within the organization which you now direct. May I extend heartiest congratulations. I know that the intelligence community and the Agency will continue to render unproclaimed support to the security of our nation.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

Guy G. McConnell

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